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Texas Businesses Lead Green Power Market

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced today that Texas leads the nation in the number of EPA Green Power Partners – businesses that have purchased enough environmentally beneficial renewable energy, also known as “green power,” to qualify for EPA recognition.

Texas has almost 200 Green Power Partners, far more than any other state and about 40 percent of all partners in the program. Texas participants in the EPA program include 168 companies, 6 government entities, 4 educational institutions, and 18 non-governmental organizations. Texas also has the nation’s leading utility green pricing program in terms of annual sales, Austin Energy.

“With almost 200 EPA Green Power Partners, Texas is leading the way in development of the national green power market. Our Texas Partners are purchasing over 400,000,000 kilowatt hours of green power annually – roughly equal to the power needed for 40,000 homes each year,” EPA Regional Administrator Richard Greene said. “In emissions reduction benefits, this is roughly equal to taking fifty thousand cars off the road. To all our Green Power Partners in Texas – thank you.”

Texas, which is second only to California in wind generating capacity, has seen an enormous increase in installed wind generating capacity in recent years, in part because of demand created by Texas businesses purchasing green power.

Texas Green Power Partners were honored at a recognition luncheon held at the Austin Convention Center to spotlight leading Texas green power purchasers. The luncheon featured remarks by EPA Senior Policy Advisor for Energy Rob Lawrence, Austin Mayor Will Wynn and Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson. A video salute to leading Texas green power purchasers was also presented.

Green power is electricity generated from renewable energy sources with low environmental impacts, including wind, solar electric, geothermal, eligible biomass, and eligible hydro resources. EPA promotes renewable energy nationally through its Green Power Partnership, a voluntary program in which Partners pledge to switch to green power for a designated portion of their electricity needs. In return, EPA provides technical assistance and public recognition. Nationwide, the program has almost 500 partners – including Fortune 500 companies, states, federal agencies, trade associations and universities.

More information about the Green Power Partnership is available at <http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/>.

Texas EPA Green Power Partners

3M / Austin, TX Facilities
823 Congress Ltd
Academy of Oriental Medicine
Advanced Micro Devices / Austin, TX

Facilities
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Alien Scooter
All Year Heating & Cooling
Amazonia Aquariums
Ambion / Austin, TX Facilities
American Lung Association / Austin, TX
American YouthWorks
Angelo Quitos Pizzeria
Apple Computers / Austin, TX Facilities
Arlington Praise and Worship Center
Audio Systems
Austin (TX) Independent School District
Austin Autohaus
Austin Computing Solutions
Austin Eye Clinic
Austin Outdoor Gear & Guidance
Austin Quantity Photo
Austin Studios
Austin Veterinary Hospital
BAE SYSTEMS / Austin, TX
Balcones Frame Supply
Barley + Pfeiffer Architects
Bates Investigations
Bayou City Fish
Ben's Workshop
Biker Zone LLC
BP / Austin, TX
Brothers Pizza
Butler Floors
Cafe in the Square
Capital Metropolitan Transit Authority
Capitol Aggregates
Carlisle Coatings & Waterproofing
Caryl Dalton, PhD
Central Yamaha
Certified Realty Services Consulting
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China Star
Chipotle / Austin, TX
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Club de Ville
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Collision Correction, Inc.
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Convict Hill Floorcovering
Creeside Whole Health Center
Crystal Works
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Dr. James Maynard
Dragon's Lair
Drs. Rolland & Juli Fellows
Dunn Bros. Coffee
Dynamic Reprographics
East Ocean
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Edward Jones Investments / David Nguyen
Edward Jones Investments / Kevin Rainosek
Edward Jones Investments / Larry Najvar
Edward Jones Investments / Neil Walters
Edward Jones Investments / Roy Longoria

Edward Jones Investments / Roy Springer
Edward Jones Investments / Susan Combs
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Estech Systems, Inc.
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Fabrics & Frames
Family Eye Clinic
Fannin Community Foundation
Far West Optical
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First English Lutheran Church
First Evangelical Free Church
First Unitarian Church of Dallas
Foundation Communities
Four Seasons Dry Cleaners
Four Seasons Hotel / Austin, TX
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General Erectors
Ginny's Printing
Good Flow Honey & Juice Company
GSD&M
GTI Coatings
Guerrero-McDonald & Associates
Habitat Suites Hotel
Hall Chiropractic
Hampton Inn & Suites / Austin, Texas
Hangers Cleaners
Healing Acupuncture Center
Holistic Healing Center
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Infinity Cleaners
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International SEMATECH
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Kirksey Architecture
L. M. Holder, FAIA
La Casa Apartments
Lauterstein Conway School of Massage
Lazy Oak B&B
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Maaco/Dallas/Ledbetter Dr.
Maaco/Fort Worth/Hulen St.
Maaco/Fort Worth/Normandale St.
Main Street Car Wash & Lube
Maudie's Restaurants
Maximum FX Spa & Salon
MDS Advertising
Meridian Energy Systems
Mesquite Buffet
Midtown Grooming
Mike's Hobby Hanger, Inc.
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Momo's Italian Specialties/Preston Center Plaza
Napolis Pizza/Crandall TX
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Napolis Pizza/Tyler TX

NASA Johnson Space Center
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Office
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Pearson Educational Measurement
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REAL-COMP
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Renewable Energy Systems / Austin, TX
Renewable Generation
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R-Kar One, Inc.
Round Rock (TX) Independent School District
Ruta Maya International Headquarters
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Shoehorn Design
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State Farm / Austin Operations Center
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SunStone Inc.
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U.S. Air Force / Goodfellow Air Force Base
U.S. Air Force / Laughlin Air Force Base
U.S. Air Force / Sheppard Air Force Base
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Urgent Care Plus
Wheatsville Food Co-op
White Mountain Foods
White Rock Coffee
Whole Foods
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